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WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL


ANNUAL REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

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WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT, KENT

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and Chief
Public Health Inspector for the Year, 1971

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1971.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population is 16,000 which is a decrease of 910 from that of the previous year.

Live Births and Birth Rate

The number of births was 231 which was a decrease of 89 from that of the previous year and the crude birth rate was accordingly 14.4 this becomes 13.5 after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and was lower than that of 16.0 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

Four stillbirths were registered and the rate of 17.0 per 1,000 total (live and still) births was higher than that of 12.0 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

Five deaths were registered due to:-

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Respiratory Distress Syndrome | |
| Prematurity | 3 days |
| Prematurity | 4 minutes |
| Prematurity | 2 days |
| Cardio Respiratory Failure | |
| Prematurity | 1 day |
| Cardiac Respiratory Failure | |
| Prematurity | 12 hrs. |

In infantile mortality rate was accordingly 22.0 compared with that of 18.0 for England and Wales.

The hard core of causes of Perinatal Mortality (i.e. stillbirths and infant deaths under one week of age) is prematurity, asphyxia and atelectasis, birth injuries and congenital malformations and the chief maternal factor is toxæmia of pregnancy.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

This rate was nil, as there were no maternal deaths due to Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion which is a reflection of the high standard of modern obstetric practice,

Total Deaths and Death Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 241 (109 M. 132 F.) and the crude death rate was 15.1; this comparatively high rate was due to the naturally higher mortality in Hothfield Hospital which accommodates chronic sick patients and from which deaths are assigned to the District when patients have been resident for more than six months. The Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution takes this into account and the adjusted rate was 8.6 which was lower than that of 11.6 for England and Wales.

The majority of the deaths were from natural causes amongst the aged, namely Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System of which there were 114 out of the total of 231 deaths. Ischaemic Heart Disease (Coronary Thrombosis and Coronary Atheroma) was the cause of 59 of those deaths. These were in the following age-groups:- 1 between 35 - 44, 3 between 45 - 54, 4 between 55 - 64, 23 between 65 - 74 and 28 over 75 years. The great majority of deaths were over 65 years, those in the age group over 75 years having been the highest. Although these figures are small for any valid inference, the fact that the majority of deaths were in old age conforms with the usual pattern and would seem to indicate that it is primarily a degenerative or senile disease.

Coronary Atheroma of the Heart is not an uncommon cause of death, often unsuspected in life, as revealed by post-mortem examinations.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths, 31 having been registered in the following age-groups:- 1 between 45 - 54, 6 between 55 - 64, 7 between 65 - 74 and 16 over 75 years of age. The mortality increases with old age, *pari passu* with the fact that medical advice is commonly sought too late.

Cancer of the Lung was the cause of 12 (7 M. 5 F.) of those deaths in the following age-groups:- 2 between 55 - 64, 5 between 65 - 74 and 5 over 75 years. Generally, the majority of deaths from Cancer of the Lung are in earlier age-groups than those of other forms of Cancer, and the fact that the ratio of deaths predominates in males, would seem to indicate that the inhalation of tobacco smoke is a precipitating factor amongst those who are predisposed.

Cancer of the Breast caused 5 deaths in the following age-groups:- 2 between 55 - 64, 1 between 65 - 74 and 2 over 75 years of age. Having regard to the fact that the disease is insidious, Cancer of the Breast in comparison with other forms of Cancer, is not difficult to diagnose and it is reasonable to assume that the patients, many of whom are in early age-groups, seek medical advice too late.

Cancer of the Stomach caused 4 deaths in the following age-groups:- 1 between 25 - 34, 1 between 65 - 74, 2 over 75 years.

The other causes of deaths were miscellaneous and there was no exceptional mortality.

There were no deaths due to Infectious Disease.

Infectious Disease

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Whooping Cough | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| Measles | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 111 |
| Infective Jaundice | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | 2 |

Measles is still endemic and prevalent although vaccination is an inhibiting factor in the prevention of larger outbreaks; the serious complications of former years are now relatively infrequent and when they do occur are usually treated successfully by specific anti-biotics.

Tuberculosis

There was one (1F) case of Respiratory Tuberculosis notified during the year and no deaths were recorded.

Food Poisoning

Cases or suspected cases of Food Poisoning are still required to be notified. There was one case of Salmonella Typhi-Murium notified - the patient being a baby boy aged 10 months. No other cases were notified. This fact is an excellent tribute to the invaluable routine prevention work in Food Hygiene carried through by the Public Health Inspectorate.

Influenza

Fortunately, there was no outbreak of this dangerous infection during the winter months.

A new era in the history of the prevalence of serious Infectious Diseases has been reached, in prevention and treatment. For example, the remarkable advance in this Century of medical science, with emphasis on the last 40 years, has prevented by vaccination and immunisation lethal and disabling infections such as Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and recently Measles and German Measles and by treatment with specific Anti-biotics and Sulpha drugs, diseases caused by bacteria such as Acute Meningitis, the Pneumonias, Puerperal Sepsis, Scarlet Fever, Erysipelas, Typhoid, Paratyphoid Fevers, and Food Poisoning etc.

Influenza, which is still epidemic in the winter months is by and large the most dangerous infection and it is still equivocal whether vaccination is preventive, unless a vaccine specific to the strain which is likely to become epidemic is prepared in time before the epidemic occurs.

All virus infections per se do not respond to treatment by the Anti-biotics or Sulpha drugs, but fortunately serious complications caused by bacteria usually respond successfully to treatment.

Vaccination against the virus of Measles has recently been introduced, and it is expected that the biennial outbreaks which occur will be

eventually controlled. Vaccination is available at the Child Welfare Clinics and from the Family Doctor.

Vaccination against German Measles has also been recently introduced for girls aged about 11 - 14 years which would prevent congenital malformations amongst babies whose mothers might suffer from this infection during the early months of pregnancy.

Vaccination against Smallpox was discontinued at Child Welfare Centres on the 30th July, 1971 as the Department of Health and Social Security consider mass vaccination of the child population to be unnecessary.

In conclusion, I would state that the Public Health of the District was very satisfactory throughout the year and I would wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest in and support of the Department and also the staff for their co-operation and very efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MARSHALL, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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Ashford,
Kent.

Tel. No. Ashford 24411

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT
FOR 1971

Area:- 39,453 acres.

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| The Resident Population | ... | ... | ... | 16,000 |
| Number of Inhabited Houses according to the | | | | |
| Rate Books | ... | ... | ... | 5,389 |
| Rateable Value | ... | ... | ... | £440,226 |
| Sum Represented by a Penny Rate | ... | ... | ... | £3,950 |

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

West Ashford Rural District is predominantly agricultural in character - there are only a few light industries. The Council has been a progressive Housing Authority, having built 783 post war dwellings and altogether own 952 dwellings. Generally social conditions are satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

| | | | | | <u>West Ashford Rural District</u> | <u>England & Wales</u> |
|--|--------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| | <u>Total</u> | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | | | |
| 1. <u>Live Births</u> | 231 | 120 | 111 | Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population | 14.4 (Adjusted Rate) 13.5 | 16.0 |
| (a) Legitimate | 210 | 108 | 102 | | | |
| (b) Illegitimate | 21 | 12 | 9 | | | |
| 2. <u>Stillbirths</u> | 4 | 1 | 3 | Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births | 17.0 | 12.0 |
| (a) Legitimate | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| (b) Illegitimate | 1 | - | 1 | | | |
| 3. <u>Total live and Stillbirths</u> | 235 | 121 | 114 | | | |
| 4. <u>Deaths</u> | 241 | 109 | 132 | Death Rate per 1,000 resident population | 15.1 (Adjusted Rate) 8.6 | 11.6 |
| 5. <u>Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion</u> | - | - | - | Rate per 1,000 live births | - | Not Available |
| 6. <u>Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age</u> | 5 | 3 | 2 | Rate per 1,000 live births | 22.0 | 18.0 |
| (a) Legitimate | 5 | 3 | 2 | Rate per 1,000 live births (Legitimate) | 24.0 | 17.0 |
| (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | Rate per 1,000 live births (Illegitimate) | Nil | 24.0 |
| 7. <u>Perinatal Mortality</u> (Stillbirths and deaths of infants under one week of age) | 5 | 3 | 2 | Rate per 1,000 total births | 38.0 | 22.0 |
| (a) Legitimate | 5 | 3 | 2 | | | |
| (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | | | |
| 8. <u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u> | | | | | 9% | |

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT
DURING 1971

| <u>All Causes</u> | <u>Males</u> 109 | <u>Females</u> 132 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc. | 1 | - |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus | 1 | - |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach | 2 | 2 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine | 1 | 3 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus | 7 | 5 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Breast | - | 5 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate | 3 | - |
| Leukaemia | 1 | 1 |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms | 2 | 1 |
| Diabetes Mellitus | - | 2 |
| Other Endocrine etc. Diseases | - | 1 |
| Multiple Sclerosis | 1 | - |
| Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease | 1 | - |
| Hypertensive Disease | 3 | 6 |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease | 31 | 28 |
| Other Forms of Heart Disease | 5 | 8 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | 18 | 24 |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System | 2 | 9 |
| Pneumonia | 5 | 20 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema | 7 | 3 |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System | 2 | 1 |
| Peptic Ulcer | 2 | - |
| Appendicitis | 1 | - |
| Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia | - | 1 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | - | 2 |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate | 2 | - |
| Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System | 3 | 1 |
| Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System | - | 1 |
| Congenital Anomalies | 1 | 1 |
| Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. | - | 1 |
| Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality | 3 | - |
| Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions | - | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 1 | - |
| All Other Accidents | 1 | 3 |
| Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries | 2 | 1 |

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1971.

| <u>Age Periods</u> | <u>New Cases</u> | | | <u>Deaths</u> | | | <u>Total Cases on Register</u> | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|----|------------------------|--------------------|----|------------------------|--------------------------------|----|------------------------|
| | <u>Respiratory</u> | | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> | <u>Respiratory</u> | | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> | <u>Respiratory</u> | | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> |
| | M. | F. | M. | M. | F. | M. | M. | F. | F. |
| 0 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | 46 | 56 | 12 |
| 1 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 plus | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 46 | 56 | 12 |
| | | | | | | | | | 8 |

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from that disease.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows figures for 1971 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

| Year of Birth | Primary | | | | | | | Re-Inforcing | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|
| | Triple Antigen | Diph./ Tet. | Smallpox | Tetanus | Measles | Polio-myelitis | Rubella | Triple Antigen | Diph./ Tet. | Smallpox | Tetanus | Measles | Polio-myelitis |
| 1971 | 3 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1970 | 84 | 1 | 11 | - | 31 | 87 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1969 | 50 | - | 53 | - | 33 | 50 | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| 1968 | 2 | - | 3 | - | 11 | 3 | - | 3 | 4 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 1967 | 2 | - | 1 | - | 8 | - | - | 2 | 8 | 1 | - | - | 17 |
| 1964 - 65 | - | - | - | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | 17 | 3 | 1 | - | 16 |
| 1966 | 1 | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | 2 | 95 | - | - | - | 91 |
| 1955 - 63 | - | - | - | 21 | 2 | - | 108 | - | 1 | 14 | 19 | - | - |
| Total | 142 | 1 | 71 | 23 | 95 | 142 | 108 | 7 | 127 | 19 | 20 | - | 124 |

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinics were discontinued as from 30-7-1971.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Year Ending 31 December 1971

Treatment Centre - Ashford Hospital

| Local Health Authority area of residence of patient | Number of new cases in the year | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Totals all Conditions | Syphilis | | Gonorrhoea | Other Genital Infections | Other Conditions |
| | | Primary & Secondary | Other | | | |
| WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT | 6 | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |

TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WEST ASHFORD

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I BEG TO SUBMIT MY NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1971.

THIS IS THE FIRST FULL YEAR WITH THE SERVICES OF MR. ANGUS, ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR. HE HAS, AS HIS MAIN COMMITMENT CARRIED OUT THE MAJOR INSPECTIONS OF SHOPS UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT AND THE PREMISES TO WHICH THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT APPLY. HIS REGULAR VISITS TO FOOD PREMISES HAVE RESULTED IN A HIGHER DEGREE OF CLEANLINESS IN THE SHOPS AND THE STORE ROOMS AND MODERNISATION OF KITCHENS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE RESTAURANTS AND PUBLIC HOUSES.

DURING THE YEAR THE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE WAS THE SUBJECT OF WORK STUDY AND IT WAS PLEASING TO NOTE THAT THE COUNCIL HAD NO SUPERFLUOUS VEHICLES AND EXCEPT FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE FOREMAN - WHO WAS NOT REPLACED - THE GANGS COULD NOT BE CUT DOWN. CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE ROUTING OF VEHICLES WERE MADE TO SAVE MILEAGE AND EXCEPT FOR THIS THE SERVICE REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE CIVIC AMENITIES ACT PLACED A LARGE BURDEN ON THE STAFF IN PURSUING ENQUIRIES AND THE EVENTUAL DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED AND UNWANTED MOTOR VEHICLES. SOME RATEPAYERS WERE CREATING QUITE A SIDELINE IN BUYING OLD CARS, STRIPPING THEM OF ARTICLES OF VALUE AND LEAVING THE PIRATED CARCASSES TO BE REMOVED BY THE COUNCIL.

THE STATIONING OF TEA VANS ON HOTHFIELD COMMON WAS THE SUBJECT OF INSPECTIONS TO ENSURE HYGIENIC CONDITIONS AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT. BYELAWS ARE BEING PREPARED TO CONTROL THE NUMBERS OF VENDORS USING THE COMMON.

WATER SUPPLY

THE MAINS SUPPLY FOR THE DISTRICT IS DISTRIBUTED BY THE MID-KENT WATER COMPANY. COLLECTION IS FROM THE NORTH DOWNS AT CHARING BY MEANS OF ARTESIAN WELLS AND IS STORED IN HIGH LEVEL RESERVOIR TANKS AND DISTRIBUTED BY GRAVITY, THE WATER IS NOT PLUMBI SOLVENT.

THERE ARE STILL SOME PROPERTIES ON PIPED PRIVATE SUPPLIES, THE QUALITY OF THIS WATER IS SUSPECT. SAMPLING SHOWS HEAVY BACTERIAL COUNTS FOLLOWING RAIN AND NONE DURING DRY SPELLS. SEVERAL OWNERS HAVE ABANDONED THESE SOURCES AND CONNECTED TO THE MAINS SUPPLY.

| STATUTORY SUPPLY UNDERTAKING | BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAM. | | | CHEMICAL EXAM. | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|--------|----------------|------|
| | No. | SAT. | UNSAT. | SAMPLE | SAT. |
| PUMPING STATION | | | | | |
| (RAW | 75 | 75 | - | 9 | 9 |
| (| | | | | |
| (TREATED | 80 | 80 | - | 4 | 4 |
| HOUSES | 25 | 25 | - | 5 | 5 |
| PRIVATE SOURCES PIPED TO DWELLINGS | 59 | 39 | 20 | - | - |
| OTHER PRIVATE SOURCES | - | - | - | - | - |

ANALYSTS REPORT ON MID-KENT WATER IS AS FOLLOWS:-

| <u>CHEMICAL EXAMINATION</u> | | <u>PARTS PER MILLION</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| AMMONIACAL NITROGEN | | 0.00 |
| ALBUMINOID NITROGEN | | 0.00 |
| NITRATE NITROGEN | | 6.6 |
| NITRITE NITROGEN | | NONE |
| OXYGEN ABSORBED IN 3 HOURS AT 27°C | | 0.02 |
| ALKALINITY (AS CaCO_3) | | 108 |
| HARDNESS (AS CaCO_3) | CARBONATE | 167 |
| | NON CARBONATE | 108 |
| TOTAL SOLIDS (DRIED AT 180°C) | | 285 |
| FREE CARBON DIOXIDE | | 16 |
| RESIDUAL CHLORINE | | NIL |
| PH | | 7.46 |
| IRON | | NONE |

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

NUMBER OF COLONIES DEVELOPING ON NUTRIENT AGAR PER MILLILITRE:-

| | |
|----------------|---|
| 1 DAY AT 30°C | 0 |
| 3 DAYS AT 22°C | 0 |

BACTERIA OF INDICATION ENUMERATION

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| ORGANISMS OF THE COLIFORM GROUP | 0 IN 100 ML. |
| STREPTOCOCCI FAECAL | 0 IN 100 ML. |

REMARKS

THE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS INDICATES A PURE AND WHOLESOME WATER SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC SUPPLY.

THE BACTERIOLOGICAL CONDITION OF THE WATER IS VERY GOOD.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE NUMBERS OF DWELLING HOUSES IN EACH PARISH; THOSE SUPPLIED WITH WATER FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MAINS; AND THOSE KNOWN TO BE WITHOUT A MAINS SUPPLY OF ANY SORT. THE LATTER OBTAIN WATER FROM SPRINGS, WELLS OR BY THE STORAGE OF RAINWATER IN UNDERGROUND TANKS.

| | No. of Houses | No. of Houses with Piped Supply | | Houses with Other Supplies |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| | | PUBLIC | PRIVATE | |
| BETHERSDEN | 483 | 483 | - | - |
| CHARING | 938 | 935 | - | 3 |
| EGERTON | 295 | 290 | 5 | - |
| GREAT CHART | 317 | 312 | 5 | - |
| HOTHFIELD | 278 | 277 | - | 1 |
| KINGSNORTH | 1665 | 1665 | - | - |
| LITTLE CHART | 101 | 101 | - | - |
| PLUCKLEY | 346 | 346 | - | - |
| SHADOXHURST | 321 | 321 | - | - |
| SMARDEN | 359 | 359 | - | - |
| WESTWELL | 287 | 282 | 4 | 1 |
| TOTALS | 5389 | 5373 | 14 | 5 |

DRAINAGE, SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

THE ONLY VILLAGES WITHOUT WHOLE OR PARTIAL MAIN DRAINAGE ARE PLUCKLEY, LITTLE CHART AND WESTWELL.

PLANS ARE WELL UNDER WAY TO RECTIFY THIS POSITION.

THREE EXISTING VILLAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS ARE TO BE ENLARGED TO IMPROVE THE OUTFALL AND TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES TO BE CONNECTED.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

CONVENIENCES FOR BOTH SEXES ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT STANHOPE EARLY IN 1972.

THE EXISTING ONES AT HOTHFIELD AND CHARING ARE GREATLY USED. A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF VANDALISM STILL TAKES PLACE AT HOTHFIELD BUT THIS IS GETTING LESS.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

STAFF

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| D. HOPKINS | 1400 GALL. TANKER |
| J. ROSSITER | 1500 GALL. TANKER |

THIS SERVICE WAS WIDELY USED THROUGHTOUT THE YEAR. THE OLD 1400 GALL. TANKER IS BEING REPLACED EARLY IN 1972.

BESIDES THE NORMAL EMPTYING OF PRIVATE CESSPOOLS ON NOTIFICATION, MANY ARE SERVICED AUTOMATICALLY, BY REASON OF TANKS BEING SHARED OR TO OBVIATE NUISANCES.

COUNCIL PROPERTIES NOT ON MAIN SEWERS REQUIRE REGULAR EMPTYING AND WORK IS CARRIED OUT TO HUMUS AND SEDIMENTATION TANKS AT THE COUNCIL DISPOSAL PLANTS. THE TEAM WORKS WELL AND WILL TURN OUT IN EMERGENCY AT ANY TIME.

| | | | |
|--|----|----|---------|
| EMPTYINGS FROM COUNCIL PROPERTIES | .. | .. | 613 |
| HUMUS TANKS COMPLETELY EMPTIED | .. | .. | 13 |
| AUTOMATIC EMPTYINGS (PRIVATE PROPERTIES) | | .. | 423 |
| REQUEST EMPTYINGS | " | " | 1031 |
| *REPAYMENT EMPTYINGS | " | " | 112 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 2192 |
| *INCOME FROM REPAYMENT WORK | .. | .. | £647.00 |

PRIVATE CESSPOOLS/SEPTIC TANKS

| VILLAGE | TOTAL CESSPOOLS | NOT EMPTIED | EMPTIED ONCE | EMPTIED TWICE |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| BETHERSDEN | 152 | 66 | 73 | 13 |
| CHARING | 231 | 98 | 78 | 55 |
| EGERTON | 177 | 63 | 82 | 32 |
| GREAT CHART | 79 | 33 | 31 | 15 |
| HOTHFIELD | 49 | 22 | 22 | 5 |
| KINGSNORTH | 100 | 46 | 36 | 18 |
| LITTLE CHART | 50 | 25 | 17 | 8 |
| PLUCKLEY | 145 | 57 | 60 | 28 |
| SHADOXHURST | 97 | 50 | 34 | 13 |
| SMARDEN | 154 | 71 | 65 | 18 |
| WESTWELL | 140 | 52 | 53 | 35 |
| | 1374 | 583 | 551 | 240 |

FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

THIS ESSENTIAL SERVICE WAS MAINTAINED WITH 100% INSPECTION OF ALL CARCASSES AND OFFAL.

THE TWO SLAUGHTERHOUSES ARE CLEAN AND KEPT TIDY AND AS THE MEAT INSPECTOR IS PRESENT FOR PRACTICALLY ALL WORKING HOURS HYGIENE CONDITIONS ARE KEPT HIGH. FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT DUE TO A STEEL RUNNER LEAVING THE RAIL ALL STAFF WERE ISSUED WITH SAFETY HELMETS.. THESE ARE EASILY CLEANED AND LAST FOR YEARS.

OVERTIME SLAUGHTERING HAS BEEN GREATLY REDUCED AND EXCEPT FOR PEAK PERIODS THE INSPECTOR ENJOYS WEEKENDS FREE OF WORK. IN SPITE OF THE REDUCTION IN OVERTIME WORKING, SLAUGHTERING WAS INCREASED BY 4,000 CARCASSES.

INSPECTION FEES RECEIVED GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS PAYING THE MEAT INSPECTOR'S SALARY AND THE COSTS OF THE SERVICE.

| | | | | | | |
|----------|----|----|-------|----|----|---------|
| | | | | | | £ |
| PLUCKLEY | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19.95 |
| CHARING | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2111.83 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | TOTAL | .. | .. | 2131.78 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |

SLAUGHTERHOUSE THROUGHPUT AND CONDEMNATIONS

(1970 FIGURES IN BRACKETS)

| | CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS | COWS | CALVES | SHEEP AND LAMBS | PIGS | TOTAL |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| NUMBER KILLED AND INSPECTED | 2621 (3488) | 3163 (1856) | 582 (544) | 22759 (18186) | 21485 (22047) | 50610 (46115) |
| <u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS</u> | | | | | | |
| WHOLE CARCASSES CONDEMNED | 1 (1) | 2 (2) | 6 (1) | 17 (20) | 13 (3) | 39 (27) |
| CARCASSES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS CONDEMNED | 574 (1213) | 919 (823) | 8 (23) | 1239 (2906) | 5384 (6385) | 8124 (11350) |
| % OF THE NUMBER INSPECTED AFFECTED WITH DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS | 34.8% (34.75%) | 29.1% (44.35%) | 2.4% (4.25%) | 5.5% (16.75%) | 25.1% (29.0%) | |
| <u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u> | | | | | | |
| WHOLE CARCASSES CONDEMNED | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CARCASSES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS CONDEMNED | - | - | - | - | 48 (19) | 48 (19) |
| % OF THE NUMBER INSPECTED AFFECTED WITH TUBERCULOSIS | - | - | - | - | .22% | - |
| <u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u> | | | | | | |
| CARCASSES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS CONDEMNED | - (1) | - (-) | - (-) | - (-) | - (-) | - (1) |
| CARCASSES SUBMITTED TO TREATMENT BY REFRIGERATION | - (1) | 1 (-) | - (-) | - (-) | - (-) | 1 (1) |
| GENERALISED AND TOTALLY CONDEMNED | - | - | - | - | - | - |

DETAILS OF WHOLE CARCASSES CONDEMNED

CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 CARCASE AND ALL ORGANS | FEVERED/CYSTITIS | <u>550</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------|

550

COWS

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1 CARCASE AND ALL ORGANS | ABNORMAL ODOUR | 530 |
| 1 CARCASE AND ALL ORGANS | SEPTICAEMIA | <u>220</u> |

750

CALVES

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------|
| 3 CARCASES AND ALL ORGANS | JOINT ILL | 232 |
| 1 CARCASE AND ALL ORGANS | IMMATURE | 18 |
| 1 CARCASE AND ALL ORGANS | SEPTICAEMIA | 35 |
| 1 CARCASE AND ALL ORGANS | UREMIA/OEDEMA | <u>140</u> |

425

SHEEP AND LAMBS

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 6 CARCASES AND ALL ORGANS | OEDEMA | 162 |
| 5 CARCASES AND ALL ORGANS | OEDEMA AND EMACIATION | 118 |
| 2 CARCASES AND ALL ORGANS | SEPTIC MASTITIS | 95 |
| 2 CARCASES AND ALL ORGANS | EXTENSIVE BRUISING | 70 |
| 1 CARCASE AND ALL ORGANS | PYAEMIA | 55 |
| 1 CARCASE AND ALL ORGANS | SEPTIC ARTHRITIS | <u>18</u> |

498

PIGS

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 5 CARCASES AND ALL ORGANS | EMACIATION | 453 |
| 4 CARCASES AND ALL ORGANS | PYAEMIA | 370 |
| 2 CARCASES AND ALL ORGANS | ABNORMAL ODOUR | 130 |
| 1 CARCASE AND ALL ORGANS | LYMPHATIC LUKEMIA | 80 |
| 1 CARCASE AND ALL ORGANS | MORIBUND | <u>80</u> |

1113

TOTAL

3336 LB

DETAILS OF FOODSTUFFS OF ALL TYPES CONDEMNED

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| A) SLAUGHTERHOUSES - WHOLE CARCASSES | 3336 |
| MISCELLANEOUS MEAT | 7092 |
| EDIBLE OFFAL | <u>24536</u> |
| | <u>34964</u> LBS. |
| B) SHOPS ETC. - VOLUNTARY SURRENDER | <u>3818</u> LBS. |
| C) MISCELLANEOUS WINES AND SPIRITS FOLLOWING FIRE DAMAGE | <u>477½</u> BOTTLES |
| <u>TOTAL FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED: 16 TON 9 CWT. 1 QTR. 2 LBS.</u> | |

KNACKERS YARDS (OFFENSIVE TRADES)

THIS SMALL COMPACT PLANT, AWAY FROM PRIVATE DWELLINGS, IS MAINTAINED AS A FAMILY BUSINESS. IT IS KEPT SCRUPULOUSLY CLEAN AND PROVIDES A USEFUL AVENUE TO THE LOCAL FARMING COMMUNITY TO RID THEMSELVES OF OLD AND SICK ANIMALS, KNOWING THAT DISPOSAL WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN A HUMANE MANNER. ALL ANIMALS FOODSTUFF IS STERILIZED PRIOR TO SALE IN THE PET FOODS SHOP IN THE ADJACENT RURAL DISTRICT.

THE PREMISES WERE INSPECTED TWELVE TIMES DURING THE YEAR AND ON TWO OCCASIONS A VISIT WAS MADE BY THE MINISTRY VETERINARY OFFICER.

THROUGHPUT FOR 1971

| <u>HORSES</u> | <u>BULLS/COWS</u> | <u>CALVES</u> | <u>CATTLE</u> | <u>DONKEYS</u> | <u>RAMS</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| 83 | 293 | 95 | 136 | 9 | 4 |

116 BLOOD TESTS TAKEN.

FOOD PREMISES

A SURVEY OF ALL FOOD PREMISES WAS COMPLETED THIS YEAR. A PROGRAMME IS NOW IN HAND WHEREBY ANY PREMISES WHICH FALL SHORT OF THE REQUIRED STANDARD FOR ANY REASON ARE BEING IMPROVED.

THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF FOOD PREMISES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| PUBLIC HOUSES (FULL MEALS) | 15 |
| PUBLIC HOUSES | 15 |
| CAFES & RESTAURANTS | 6 |
| BUTCHERS | 6 |
| GREENGROCERS | 4 |
| GENERAL PROVISION | 33 |
| FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS | 1 |
| CREAMERY | 1 |
| CONFECTIONERS | 9 |
| BAKERIES | 2 |
| FOOD FACTORY | 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 93 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL VISITS | 254 |
| <u>NO. OF INFORMAL LETTERS SENT</u> | <u>48</u> |

PUBLIC HOUSES

No. OF INSPECTIONS MADE:- 54

WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, ALL PUBLIC HOUSES ARE TO A GOOD STANDARD. THE TREND IS FOR THE OLD VILLAGE INN TO DISAPPEAR AND BE REPLACED BY HOUSES WITH A GOOD STANDARD OF COMFORT AND DECORATION WHICH ALSO PROVIDE MEALS. ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR PREPARATION AND COOKING OF MEALS IS BEING REQUIRED WHERE NECESSARY.

THE BREWERS ARE BEGINNING TO REALISE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PUBLIC PREFER PREMISES WITH EASILY ACCESSIBLE MODERN TOILET AND WASHING FACILITIES. THIS IS REFLECTED IN THEIR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES, NOT WITHOUT SOME ASSISTANCE FROM THIS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS REGRETTED THAT THE MAGISTRATES AT THE BREWSTER SESSIONS DO NOT CONSULT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT BEFORE RENEWING LICENCES ESPECIALLY AS WE ARE IN THE FOREFRONT IN PROTECTING THE PUBLIC IN FOOD HYGIENE MATTERS.

CAFES AND RESTAURANTS

No. OF INSPECTIONS MADE:- 24

AGAIN IN THIS SPHERE, IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING REQUESTED, ESPECIALLY IN KITCHENS. THE MAJORITY OF PROPRIETORS ARE HYGIENE CONSCIOUS BUT REGULAR INSPECTIONS REVEAL SHORT COMINGS NOT ALWAYS NOTICED BY THEMSELVES.

BUTCHERS SHOPS

No. OF INSPECTIONS MADE:- 27

TRADITIONALLY, LOCAL BUTCHERS OPERATE TO THEIR OWN HIGH STANDARDS, BUT AGAIN IN SOME CASES PREMISES CAN BE IMPROVED IN DIFFERENT WAYS, AND WITH CO-OPERATION, THIS IS BEING DONE.

GROGERS, GREENGROGERS AND CONFECTIONERS

No. OF INSPECTIONS MADE:- 131

THESE PREMISES ARE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY, BUT STANDARDS ARE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN IN SOME OLD PREMISES. WITHOUT EXCEPTION PROPRIETORS HAVE PROVED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CO-OPERATE WHERE NECESSARY WITH ALL REASONABLE REQUESTS FROM THIS DEPARTMENT.

FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS

No. OF INSPECTIONS MADE:- 2

THERE IS ONLY ONE SUCH SHOP IN THIS AREA AND IT IS SITUATED IN MODERN PREMISES. A SATISFACTORY STANDARD HAS BEEN MAINTAINED.

ICE CREAM PREMISES

No. OF REGISTERED PREMISES:- 24

WITHOUT EXCEPTION ALL THESE PREMISES OPERATE AS OTHER FOOD BUSINESSES AND ARE SATISFACTORILY CONTROLLED.

DAIRIES

No. OF INSPECTIONS MADE:- 3

THERE IS ONLY ONE DAIRY IN THE DISTRICT AND THIS PASTEURISES AND PACKS CREAM. ONLY THE PREMISES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS DEPARTMENT AND THESE HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY RENOVATED THIS YEAR. THE EQUIPMENT AND PROCESSES CARRIED OUT ARE CONTROLLED BY THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL WHO ARE THE FOOD AND DRUGS AUTHORITY.

MILK DISTRIBUTORS

No. OF REGISTERED PREMISES:- 24

THE MAJORITY OF DISTRIBUTORS ARE LOCAL GROCER'S SHOPS WHO KEEP SMALL AMOUNTS OF MILK FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS. THREE PREMISES ARE MILK STORAGE DEPOTS FROM WHICH DAILY DELIVERIES ARE MADE. NO MILK IS PROCESSED IN THE DISTRICT.

BAKEHOUSES

No. OF INSPECTIONS MADE:- 24

THE TWO BAKEHOUSES HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY OPERATED DURING THE YEAR, BUT AGAIN OUR POLICY OF PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN FOLLOWED. BAKEHOUSES CONTINUALLY FACE THE PROBLEM OF PREVENTING FOREIGN BODIES GAINING ACCESS TO THEIR PRODUCTS AND THE TWO PROPRIETORS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ADVICE ON THIS POINT.

FOOD FACTORIES

No. OF INSPECTIONS MADE:- 10

THE ONE FOOD FACTORY IN THE DISTRICT, CLEANS, BLANCHES, FRIES AND CANS PEANUTS. THE WORKROOMS ARE CLEAN AND THE STAFF WEAR HEADGEAR AND OVERALLS. THE MANAGEMENT CO-OPERATES WITH THE INSPECTORATE AT ALL TIMES. NO COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED OF UNWHOLESOME PRODUCTS FROM THESE WORKS.

MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES

No. OF INSPECTIONS MADE:- 15

WHEN POSSIBLE, DELIVERY VEHICLES ARE CHECKED BOTH AT THEIR DEPOTS AND ON ROUNDS. ONLY MINOR INFRINGEMENTS HAVE BEEN FOUND SO FAR AND I HAVE NO REASON TO SUSPECT THAT VANS FROM THIS DISTRICT ARE NOT GENERALLY TO A SATISFACTORY STANDARD.

THREE MOBILE FOOD STALLS WHICH PREPARE AND SELL FOOD TO THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN OPERATING AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE YEAR AT HOTHFIELD COMMON. ALL OWNERS RECEIVED AN INFORMAL LETTER DRAWING THEIR ATTENTION TO CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE REGULATIONS. TWO LEFT THE SITE AND THE OTHER IS IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLYING WITH OUR REQUIREMENTS. FREQUENT INSPECTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO THIS TYPE OF VEHICLE AS STANDARDS OF HYGIENE CAN EASILY FALL IN SUCH CONFINED SPACES ESPECIALLY WHEN TRADE IS GOOD.

FOOD CONDEMNATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

THE MAJORITY OF FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED WERE, FROM GROCERS SHOPS WHICH HAD HAD REFRIGERATOR FAILURES. FROZEN FOODS ONCE THAWED SHOULD NOT BE REFROZEN AND SOLD, AND WE WILLINGLY GIVE CERTIFICATES TO HELP PREVENT THIS HAPPENING.

ADVICE ON OTHER SUSPECTED UNSOUND FOODS WAS GIVEN ON MANY OCCASIONS AT THE REQUEST OF PROPRIETORS.

SIX CONSUMER COMPLAINTS WERE INVESTIGATED AND THREE WARRANTED REPORTING TO COUNCIL. IN EACH CASE IT WAS RESOLVED THAT WARNING LETTERS BE SENT TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE.

FOOD POISONING

TWO CASES WERE NOTIFIED BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND INVESTIGATED.

IN ONE A MEAT PIE WAS SUSPECTED OF CAUSING ILLNESS TO TWO PEOPLE BUT THIS COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED BY ANALYSIS. THE OTHER CASE WAS MORE SERIOUS IN THAT A SMALL CHILD WAS ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL AND SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM WAS ISOLATED FROM A FAECAL SAMPLE. CONTACTS WERE TRACED AND A FURTHER PATIENT WAS FOUND TO BE INFECTED AS A RESULT OF FAECAL SAMPLING.

SAMPLING BY COUNTY SAMPLING OFFICER

THE FOLLOWING DETAILS ARE OF SAMPLES TAKEN WITHIN THE RURAL DISTRICT AND SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC ANALYST. THE FIGURES WERE FURNISHED BY THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT OF THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, WHICH IS THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY FOR THIS PURPOSE:

| | <u>NUMBER OF</u> <u>SAMPLES TAKEN</u> |
|---|--|
| MILK | 26 |
| TINNED MEATS, MEAT, FISH, FISH AND MEAT PASTES | 2 |
| SUGAR, SUGAR CONFECTIONERY, FLOUR CONFECTIONERY, CHOCOLATE PRODUCTS, CEREALS | 1 |
| TEA, COFFEE, COCOA, BEVERAGES, MINERALS, CORDIALS | 2 |
| JAMS, PRESERVES, HONEY, JELLIES | 1 |
| DRIED FRUIT, RAW FRUIT, VEGETABLES, TINNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES | 5 |
| PICKLES, SAUCES, VINEGAR, CONDIMENTS | 5 |
| DRUGS, MEDICINES | 3 |
| BEER, WINES, SPIRITS | 5 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 12 |
| | — |
| | 62 |
| | == |

IT IS PLEASING TO REPORT THAT ALL THE ABOVE SAMPLES WERE RETURNED AS BEING SATISFACTORY.

HOUSING

GRANT AID: HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

SINCE THE GOVERNMENT RAISED THE CEILING OF GRANT AID, OWNERS HAVE IN MANY CASES FORSAKEN STANDARD GRANTS FOR DISCRETIONARY ONES. THE COUNCIL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A FIRM BELIEVER IN THE RETENTION OF HOUSES BY IMPROVEMENT, AND FULLY SUPPORT THE SCHEME. NATIONAL PROPAGANDA IS STILL USING ALL MEDIUMS TO PUT OVER TO OWNERS THE VALUE OF MODERNISATION.

SINCE 1958, 474 HOUSES HAVE BEEN IMPROVED. 303 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS AVERAGED AT £270 PER HOUSE AND 171 STANDARD GRANTS AVERAGED AT £168.50 PER DWELLING.

APPROVALS DURING 1971

| | <u>0/0cc.</u> | <u>EMPTY</u> <u>OR</u> <u>RENTED</u> | <u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|--|------------------------|
| DISCRETIONARY GRANTS | 30 | 14 | £32599.06 |
| STANDARD GRANTS | 7 | 7 | £4224.32 |

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES IMPROVED AND COMPLETED ANNUALLY SINCE 1958:

| YEAR | DISCRETIONARY GRANTS COMPLETED | AMOUNT GIVEN | STANDARD GRANTS COMPLETED | AMOUNT GIVEN |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1958 | 22 | £6542.81 | - | £ - |
| 1959 | 17 | £4386.46 | - | - |
| 1960 | 14 | £4045.15 | - | - |
| 1961 | 30 | £10525.05 | 9 | £1019.37 |
| 1962 | 26 | £9382.67 | 12 | £1075.00 |
| 1963 | 18 | £6724.25 | 11 | £906.23 |
| 1964 | 14 | £3392.50 | 17 | £1026.50 |
| 1965 | 9 | £3454.33 | 19 | £3178.42 |
| 1966 | 8 | £3089.50 | 16 | £2864.82 |
| 1967 | 3 | £1200.00 | 20 | £4169.07 |
| 1968 | 1 | £400.00 | 22 | £4112.88 |
| 1969 | 2 | £625.00 | 16 | £3746.77 |
| 1970 | 11 | £7208.25 | 15 | £3504.95 |
| 1971 | 28 | £21538.38 | 14 | £3226.06 |
| TOTAL | 303 | £82511.35 | 171 | £28830.01 |

BREAKDOWN OF AMENITIES GAINED DURING 1971:

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| BATHROOMS ADDED | 13 |
| BATHROOMS WITHIN HOUSE | 27 |
| BATHS | 40 |
| BASINS | 41 |
| W.C. SUITES | 38 |
| HOT AND COLD 3 PTS. | 42 |
| HOT AND COLD 2 PTS. | 1 |
| SINKS | 28 |
| VENTILATED FOOD STORES | 16 |
| REWIRING | 16 |
| SEPTIC TANKS | 11 |
| ADD. ROOMS | 8 |
| PART CENTRAL HEATING | 4 |
| DAMP PROOFING | 25 |

INSPECTIONS

| | |
|---|----|
| INSPECTIONS ON COMPLAINT (DWELLING | 24 |
| RE-INSPECTIONS ON SERVICE OF NOTICE (DWELLINGS) | 66 |
| INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED (DWELLINGS) | 12 |
| INFORMAL NOTICES COMPLIED (DWELLINGS) | 10 |
| STATUTORY NOTICES SERVED (DWELLINGS) | 2 |
| STATUTORY NOTICES COMPLIED (DWELLINGS) | - |
| HOUSES INSPECTED HSG. ACT 1958/SS.16 | 4 |
| UNDERTAKINGS ACCEPTED | 2 |
| HOUSES DEMOLISHED | - |

TOTAL VISITS AND INSPECTIONS TO ALL CLASSES
OF PROPERTY 2722

OFFICE INTERVIEWS 294

COUNCIL HOUSING PROGRAMME

NO COUNCIL HOUSES WERE BUILT DURING 1971.

OLD PEOPLES BUNGALOWS HAVE PROVED AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS AND THE
TENANTS APPRECIATE THE FRIENDLY WARDEN SERVICE.

NO. OF FAMILIES REHOUSED: 33
NO. OF FAMILIES ON
HOUSING LIST AT 31.12.71: 126

HOUSE ERECTION

BY LOCAL AUTHORITY: NIL
BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE: 26

RODENT CONTROL

OPERATOR: MR. T. ELSE

THE OPERATOR IS ENTHUSIASTIC IN HIS WORK AND HAS ATTENDED REVISION
COURSES ORGANISED BY THE MINISTRY.

THE SIX-MONTHLY SEWER TREATMENTS HAVE PROVED THAT THE SEWERS ARE
PRACTICALLY CLEAR OF RODENTS EXCEPT IN TWO SMALL AREAS IN CHARING AND
SMARDEN.

NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES AND FOOD THAT FOLLOWING TEST TRAPPINGS, TWO FARMS IN THE
DISTRICT HARBOURED WARFARIN RESISTANT RATS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES A SUMMARY OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT IN 1971.

| | TYPE OF PROPERTY | |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| | NON-AGRICULTURAL | AGRICULTURAL |
| NUMBER OF PROPERTIES IN DISTRICT | 5632 | 326 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PROPERTIES (INCLUDING NEARBY PREMISES) INSPECTED FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION. | 71 | 11 |
| TOTAL INFESTED BY (1) RATS | 27 | 7 |
| (2) MICE | 33 | 4 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PROPERTIES INSPECTED FOR RATS AND/OR MICE FOR REASONS OTHER THAN NOTIFICATION. | 40 | 71 |
| NUMBER INFESTED BY (1) RATS | 3 | 26 |
| (2) MICE | 7 | 7 |

IN ADDITION TO RATS AND MICE, THE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED TO DEAL WITH:-

| <u>BEEES/WASPS</u> | <u>FLIES</u> | <u>BEETLES/COCKROACHES</u> | <u>FLEAS</u> | <u>ANTS</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 28 | 10 | 13 | 16 | 15 |

PUBLIC CLEANSING

DURING THE YEAR THE WORK STUDY OFFICER CARRIED OUT A SURVEY ON THE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL TEAMS. ARISING OUT OF THIS OPERATION THE UNION AND THE COUNCIL AGREED TO IMPLEMENT A BONUS SCHEME. TO DATE THE NEW SERVICE HAS WORKED WELL. DURING 1971 THERE WAS ALMOST NO CHANGE OF STAFF WHICH ENABLED A SMOOTHER WORKING THAN HERETOFORE.

A) REFUSE COLLECTION

| | |
|----------|---|
| STAFF | 1 FOREMAN 3 DRIVERS 6 LOADERS |
| VEHICLES | 3 SHELVOKE & DREWRY PAKAMATICS 1 SHELVOKE & DREWRY FORE AND AFT TIPPER |

B) REFUSE DISPOSAL

| | |
|----------|---|
| STAFF | 3 DRIVERS 1 PAPER BALER (SPARE REFUSE COLLECTOR) 1 LABOURER |
| VEHICLES | 1 C/H BULLDOZER 1 TRACTOR 1 WEATHERILL FRONT LOADER SHOVEL |

C) PLANT

| | |
|-----------|---|
| STAFF | 1 PLANT MAINTENANCE FITTER |
| EQUIPMENT | THOMPSON FERMASCREEN PULVERISER ELECTRIC PAPER BALER |

D) SALVAGE

THE COLLECTION OF SALVAGE IS STILL CARRIED OUT WITH THE REFUSE COLLECTION. FROM THE SALVAGE COLLECTED 50% IS RETURNED TO THE MEN AS A BONUS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE RECEIPTS FROM SALVAGE DURING THE YEAR. FIGURES IN BRACKETS REFER TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| MIXED WASTE PAPERS AND CARDBOARD | (£2215.50) £2468.88 |
| METALS, RAGS ETC. | (£176.05) £208.09 |
| TOTAL | (£2391.57) £2676.97 |

OUTSIDE THE WEEKLY DOMESTIC REFUSE COLLECTION MUCH WORK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT UNDER THE CIVIC AMENITIES ACT TO CLEAR HEDGEROWS AND VERGES OF DUMPED HEAVY HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OTHER IMPEDIMENTS LEFT BY IRRESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT

CAR REMOVALS

125 PROBABLY DUMPED VEHICLES WERE INVESTIGATED. 96 WERE REMOVED TO BREAKERS YARDS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COUNCIL, SOME WERE VOLUNTARILY REMOVED BY THE OWNERS AND THE REST WERE TOWED TO THE TIP FOR DISPOSAL. THESE INVESTIGATIONS TAKE UP MUCH VALUABLE TIME OF THE STAFF.

CARAVAN SITES

A) TWO PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITES

BOTH THESE ARE SITUATED AT CHARING, ARE WELL RUN AND ALWAYS FULL.

CARAVANS EVEN THE MOST MODERN, CANNOT BE SATISFACTORY PERMANENT RESIDENCES. HOUSING BEING SO SHORT, YOUNG COUPLES PURCHASE A CARAVAN AND ARE HAPPY UNTIL THE ADVENT OF A FAMILY. ELDERLY PEOPLE THINK A CARAVAN IS IDEAL FOR RETIREMENT UNTIL INFIRMITY AND SICKNESS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AGED TAKES THEIR TOLL.

THE COUNCIL THEN HAS TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR REHOUSING AND IN GENERAL WILL NOT CONSIDER THESE UNLESS, THE CARAVANNERS HAVE BEEN IN RESIDENCE FOR FOUR YEARS AND HAVE SUPPORTING MEDICAL CERTIFICATES.

B) COUNCIL GYPSY SITE

THE SITE HAS NOW BEEN IN USE FOR A FULL YEAR. BESIDES HARD STANDINGS BRICK BUILT SHEDS AND WASHROOMS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED, THE LATTER CONTAINING ELECTRIC SLOT METERS.

THE SITE IS APPRECIATED AND THE FEW WHO LEFT FOR THE SUMMER LEFT DEPOSITS OF MONEY TO RESERVE THEIR SITES FOR THE AUTUMN RETURN.

VERY LITTLE DAMAGE HAS BEEN SEEN ON THE SITE AND IT IS KEPT FAIRLY TIDY - NO COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE NEIGHBOURING FARMERS.

FACTORY ADMINISTRATION

PREScribed PARTICULARS OF THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTION FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH
(INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS)

| PREMISES | No. ON REG. | INSPECT- IONS (3) | NUMBER OF | |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | WRITTEN NOTICES (4) | OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED (5) |
| (1) FACTORIES IN WHICH SECTIONS 1,2,3,4 AND 6 ARE ENFORCED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| (2) FACTORIES NOT INCLUDED IN (1) IN WHICH SECTION 7 IS ENFORCED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. | 45 | 26 | - | - |
| (3) OTHER PREMISES IN WHICH SECTION 7 IS ENFORCED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXCLUDING OUTWORKERS PREMISES) | -- | - | - | - |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND UNDER SECTIONS 1,2,3,4,6 AND 7 = NIL

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

ELEVEN NEW REGISTRATIONS WERE MADE DURING 1971.

ROUTINE INSPECTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT TO PREMISES ON THE REGISTER.

| CLASS OF WORKPLACE | NO. OF PREMISES REGISTERED AT END OF YEAR | INSPECTIONS MADE |
|--|---|---------------------|
| OFFICES | 6 | 5 |
| RETAIL SHOPS | 39 | 35 |
| WHOLESALE DEPTS. AND WAREHOUSES | 2 | 2 |
| CATERING ESTABLISH- MENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | 10 | 10 |
| FUEL STORAGE DEPOTS | - | - |

ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN

REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR

| CLASS OF WORKPLACE | NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED |
|---|----------------------------|
| OFFICES | 22 |
| RETAIL SHOPS | 122 |
| WHOLESALE DEPARTMENTS, WAREHOUSES | 14 |
| CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | 62 |
| CANTEENS | - |
| FUEL STORAGE DEPOTS | - |
| TOTAL | 220 |
| TOTAL MALES | 78 |
| TOTAL FEMALES | 142 |

SHOP ACTS ADMINISTRATION

INSPECTIONS MADE UNDER THIS ACT WERE CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH VISITS MADE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF OTHER ACTS.

EXCEPT FOR STANHOPE ESTATE AND A WHOLESALE CASH AND CARRY STORE THERE ARE NO LARGE SHOPS IN THE AREA, MOSTLY BEING SMALL VILLAGE SHOPS, THE MAJORITY RUN AS FAMILY BUSINESSES.

IN CONCLUSION I WOULD LIKE TO RECORD MY THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND INTEREST DURING THE YEAR AND TO THE STAFF FOR THEIR LOYAL CO-OPERATION AT ALL TIMES.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BE
YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

ARTHUR H. HAYES
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR